(SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) the Government have decided to introduce a Scheme of Identity Cards in the Border States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal and Bihar with a view to check infiltration from across the borders.

Expenditures incurred by Central Government for providing security

1713. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the expenditure incurred by the Central Government in providing security to individuals including Ministers during the years 1977-78, 1984-85 and 1991-92;

(b) whether the police personnels associations have raised objections to the increase in the deployment of their men in such security work; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to employ private security services for this purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Steps to curb the activities of ISI

1714. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI (Pakistan's Services Intelligence's) plot to set off Bombay type blasts in Andhra Pradesh has been recently unearthed, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) the measures Government propose to take to curb activities of ISI in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) As per information furnished by the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, the Hyderabad City Police had arrested four persons allegedly having links with the ISI of Pakistan. Involvement of these persons in the four bomb explosions that occured in Hyderabad City is suspected.

(b) Govt. is alive to the situation and are taking all necessary steps in this regard which include gearing up of intelligence machinery, coordinated action by Central and State agencies, deployment of para-military forces, intensified patrolling as well as construction of border fencing and flood-lighting in vulnerable stretches of Indo-Pak border.

Screening Committee for Selection of IPS Officers

1715. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answered to Unstarred Question 351 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1993 and state:

(a) why the screening Committee for selection of police officers for training in India and abroad is predominantly consist of officers from the same services of IPS;

(b) what are the safeguards against personal factors coming in to play about the members of the same service coming under consideration;

(c) why many other Directors General of Police are denied the membership of the Selection Committee, if they hold the same rank as the other IPS members of the Screening Committee;

(d) which level in the Ministry of Home Affairs decides about the submission of the recommendations of the screening Committee to the Union Home Minister;

(e) whether it is a fact that apart from the Home Minister himself asking for such papers, it is left entirely to the officials to decide whether certain recommendations are to be submitted at all to the Home Minister; and

(f) why the recommendations of the Committee are not submitted to the Home Minister as a rule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Screening Committee, inter-alia, comprises the senior most police officers as they are well suited to appreciate the training needs and potential of police officers, to make appropriate recommendations.

(b) The selection is made in accordance with the specific guidelines on the subject.

(c) In the reconstituted Screeing Committee one member is taken from amongst the Directors General of Central Police Organisations (CPOs) by rotation and, thus Directors General of all CPOs are involved in the Screening Committee by rotation.

(d) to (f) All recommendations of the Screening Committee are now submitted to the Union Home Minister for approval.

Terrorist Activities in H.P.

1716. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorist have extended their area of operation to Himachal Pradesh particularly in Chamba district of the State;

(b) if so, what are the details of the terrorist activities in the State during the last four months;

(c) what action has been taken by Government; and

(d) the details of any joint action plan with the neighbouring State, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Instances of terrorist activities in Himachal Pradesh have come to notice. According to avilable information during the last four months, two policemen have been killed and two extremists have been arrested.

(c) and (d) State Government is alive to the situation in the State and is keeping a close watch on terrorist activities. Ministry of Home Affairs is holding periodic meetings with Police Chiefs of the States and Central agencies to take coordinated measures to deal with terrorits and to strengthen anti-terrorist operations and to have frequent exchange/sharing of information about movements and hideouts of terrorits.

Impact of Ethnic Clashes on Kukis

1717. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Kukis fled to Imphal due to ethnic clashes; and

(b) what are the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) In the wake of the Naga/Kuki ethnic clashes in Manipur over 35,000 people had migrated in August-September, 1993 because their houses/huts were burnt/destroyed. 61 relief camps were set up. The Government of Manipur was, inter-alia, advised to energise the official machinery to give proper attention to the inmates in the Relief Camps and to make appropriate arrangements for speedy distribution of relief supplies of food, clothes, bankets, utencils to them. The State Government has also advised to provide necessary security cover to groups of people to enable them to harvest the standing crop in view of the disturbed conditions.